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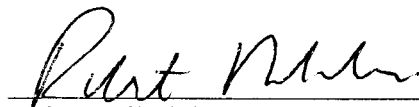
Re: Disaster Declaration for Sheridan County

Dear Governor Schweitzer:

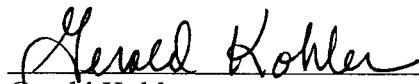
This letter is to thank you for your role in helping to see that Sheridan County be declared a natural disaster area for 2008 due to extreme drought conditions. Our initial letter stated that the disaster existed due to the current and prolonged drought conditions. Since that time, it has come to our attention that we should include other items that have contributed to the disaster situation that continues to occur in Sheridan County. In addition to the drought situation, Sheridan County agricultural producers have also faced many other obstacles. They include a very cold spring that delayed crop emergence, severe cutworm damage to pulse crops (peas and lentils), several hail storms and high winds that caused crop loss and property damage. Most recent events have included an early frost and rainfall on crops causing quality concerns.

It is our understanding that the USDA County Emergency Board is in the process of submitting the necessary data reflecting the affects of these natural disasters for the producers in Sheridan County. Please include these additional items to our earlier request. Again, thank you for your continued support.

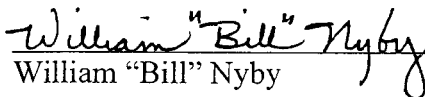
Sincerely,



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